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To: Hearing Aid Providers
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Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2003, the maximum allowable fees for hearing aids will remain at their current levels.

Maximum Allowable Fees

The 2003 Washington State Legislature **has not appropriated a vendor rate increase** for the 2004 state fiscal year. Therefore, the maximum allowable fees for hearing aids will remain at their current levels.

Coding Changes

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requires all healthcare payers to process and pay electronic claims using a standard set of procedure codes. MAA is discontinuing state-unique codes and modifiers and will require the use of applicable CPT and HCPCS procedure codes on all submitted claims. MAA is currently upgrading its claims processing system to accommodate these changes. State-unique procedure codes used in the Hearing Aid program will be discontinued by October 2003. MAA will notify providers of all coding changes in a later memorandum.

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